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1. FONOFF REP (SEZAKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIV.) HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS RE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AS FOLLOWS:

2. ACCORDING TO SEZAKI, RECENT CABLE RECEIVED BY FONOFF FROM GOJ EMBASSY WASHINGTON INDICATES QTE PRACTICAL MEASURES UNQTE RE USG CONTRIBUTION OF 250 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST AND OCTOBER 1975. SEZAKI INQUIRED WHETHER THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER INFO CONVEYED BY EMBASSY TO FONOFF (BASED ON REF B) THAT USG AID WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THREE TRANCES: 70 MILLION JUNE 29, 80 MILLION IN AUGUST, AND 100 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER. IS USG CONTEMPLATING 250 MILLION DOLLARS IN AID IN ADDITION TO 70 MILLION DOLLAR AGREEMENT TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED JUNE 29?

3. RECENT CABLE FROM GOJ EMBASSY CAIRO, SAID SEZAKI, REPORTS CONVERSATION BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF USG AND GOJ EMBASSIES IN WHICH USG CONVEYED TO GOJ OUR EXPECTATION THAT QTE EEC AND JAPAN, TOGETHER, WOULD PROVIDE 250 MILLION DOLLARS. UNQTE. FONOFF IS AWARE FROM YASUKAWA/CONFIDENTIAL

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SISCO/ROBINSON CONVERSATIONS JUNE 16 (REF C) THAT USG

HAD EXPECTED FRANCE TO CONTRIBUTE 50 MILLION DOLLARS;
WOULD IT BE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT CONTRIBUTION OF
250 MILLION DOLLARS FROM EEC AND JAPAN MENTIONED ABOVE
WOULD INCLUDE FRENCH AND ANY OTHER EUROPEAN DONOR CONTRI-
BUTIONS? WITH ADDITION OF FRANCE TO LIST OF POTENTIAL
DONOR COUNTRIES (REF. D), DOES ACHIEVABLE AID TARGET
INCLUDING FRENCH CONTRIBUTION REMAIN ONE BILLION DOLLARS
OR HAS IT INCREASED TO INCLUDE FRENCH CONTRIBUTION?

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: FONOFF IS WORKING TO ACHIEVE 100
MILLION DOLLAR TARGET PROPOSED FOR JAPAN BY USG, BUT
IS MEETING RESISTANCE AND SHARP QUESTIONING FROM OTHER
MINISTRIES. ANY INCONSISTENCIES OR GAPS IN INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY USG MAY BE SEIZED UPON TO JUSTIFY JAPAN'S
NOT MOVING FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY. FONOFF THUS NEEDS AS
FULL, ACCURATE AND AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE
RE STATUS OF USG EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT EFFORTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD MUCH
APPRECIATE INFO IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN PARAS 2 AND
3 ABOVE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFO WE CAN PASS ON TO
FONOFF RE PRESENT STATUS OF AID TO EGYPT EXERCISE.
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